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Chickweed in alfalfa a problem this year

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Chickweed in alfalfa is probably a more serious problem this year than usual. A moderate winter and cool spring have been ideal for its growth. A few growers have indicated that the problem is so great that they will not grow the crop another year.

Very few growers are using those management practices to control this weed. On Alfalfa established at least one year, Princep is a good choice to control chickweed. Apply after the last cutting. Do not graze for 30 days after application. Princep will kill chickweed at germination; therefore, Princep should be applied by mid-October.

R. M. Harris treated his alfalfa with Paraquat in early spring and reports good chickweed control. Fall treatment is preferred as seed are likely formed before a spring treatment can be applied.

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Parasitized Cereal Leaf Beetle larvae were released last week on six farms: Martin Brothers, McArthur Harris, James Ford, H. B. Pack, John Goin and Willis Carter.

The goal is to establish sufficient numbers of parasitic wasp that would eliminate the need for spraying.

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A very detailed report has been put together that examines the marketing alternatives for the revitalization of the Lynchburg Farmers Market.

Should the plans as outlined develop, a number of Appomattox farmers may find this a good way to supplement farm income.

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Coming up Monday, June 6, is a Computer Workshop at the District Extension Office. Identical programs will be offered three times 9:00 - 11:30, 1:00 - 3:30, and 7:00 - 9:30.

Certain farmers, small businessmen and homemakers are at the point where they should consider purchasing a micro-computer. The computer world has a language of its own and a potential buyer needs to understand the terminology in order to make comparisons and consider certain features.

Prices have fallen rapidly over the past two years making these machines accessible to many people. Micro-computers are following the same price course as electronic calculators and digital watches.

A major decision with micro-computers is a source of acceptable "software." Software is a set of instructions that tells the computer what to do-it provides the direction.

Don't be afraid of the term "computer." With a little experience it can be as simple to operate as an adding machine or a typewriter. This means spending some time with the machine--don't depend on the dealer to do everything for you. The owner must take time to understand the machine's basics and operation.

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Last week in this column I discussed new tobacco sucker control material-- some way or other we got the name wrong. The correct name is Prime +.

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I've had a number of calls about voles this week. These small mouse-like animals feed on plant material. Some gardeners report cabbage, tomato, and onion plants being pulled down into a hole with all but a couple of inches of the plant eaten.

I wish that I had a good, simple recommendation to make--the best choice appears to be mouse traps placed in the run, unbaited, but with a convex cover to allow room for the trap to spring.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET

The East Central District 4-H Meats Contest was held in Farmville last week with six Appomattox 4-H'ers taking part. High individual in the Senior Division was Brett Marston, followed by Glen McClenny, Ernest Humbles and April Talbot. In the junior age group, Curtis Moore and Wayne Martin took part in the contest. Members of the senior team will have the opportunity to participate in the state meats program at 4-H Congress in June.

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There will be twenty-one 4-H'ers and four adults in the exchange group from Bailey County, Texas that will be with us in Appomattox during the week of July 18 - 23. Host families are still needed. If your family is interested, please give us a call at the Extension Office. Appomattox 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to travel to Texas during the summer of 1984.

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Over 100 4-H'ers have signed up to attend Holiday Lake 4-H Camp this summer. Members have until June 10 to sign up for camp.

Camp class forms and health forms were sent to all members who had signed up for camp. Please return these forms to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

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Wildlife Feed Patch seed was distributed to thirty 4-H members last week. The three or four pound mixture contained sunflower, millet, grain sorghum, soybeans, lespedeza and buckwheat. 4-H'ers planting the seed will provide winter food and cover for wildlife species.Thanks to Mr. Albert Carter and the Appomattox Senior FFA for preparing the bags of seed.

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Craig Ranson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie G. Ranson, has recently been recognized for his work with dark fired tobacco. All 4-H members who are working with a crop of dark tobacco, burley tobacco or flue cured tobacco are encouraged to sign up for the tobacco projects. Some excellent awards are offered for 4-H'ers with these types of tobacco. Project records and details are available from the Extension Office.

Vice completes training

Airman Norman P. Vice, son of Hollis R. Vice Sr. of 2302 Chickasaw Ave., Pascagoula, Miss., and Bette P. Key of Concord, Va., has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special trianing in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instrueiton in the weather service field.

His wife, Colleen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Huck, 2427 Bugler Circle, Gautier, Miss.

The airman is a 1980 graduate of Pascagoula High School.

Summer school planned

The Appomattox County School Board has announced plans for a limited summer school program to be offered at Appomattox County High School.

Proposed required courses to be offered include English 8-12, Geography, World History, U.S. History, and U.S. Government. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 13 - July 22. Students may take one new class, one repeat class, or two repeat classes.

Tuition will be $35.00 for each repeat class and $60.00 for one new class. Textbook rental will be $4.50 per subject. Registration and fee collection will be held at ACHS on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Persons desiring additional information may contact the ACHS Guidance Office (352-7146).

Paul Snow is honored

Paul Samuel Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Parker Snow of Appomattox, has earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll of Pittsburg State University, according to a release from the university.

He is majoring in vocational technical education at PSU.

Carter, Lawson get degrees

Elizabeth Bolling Carter and Susan Marie Lawson of Appomattox received bachelor's degrees at the College of William and Mary's graduation ceremonies May 15 in Williamsburg.

Principal speaker for the commencement was Elizabeth H. Dole, secretary of transportation for the United States.

Cheryl Walton on VPI Dean's List

Cheryl E. Walton, a junior at VPI majoring in human nutrition and foods, has been named to the Dean's List at VPI for the winter quarter, according to a release from the university.

To make the Dean's List at VPI, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or better in the school's 4.0 grading system.

CAT BALLOWE KICKS OFF the FHA Alumni Association's fund drive to purchase the FFA land laboratory with a $1000 donation from the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter. Accepting the contribution is M. J. House, Jr., Treasurer of the Appomattox FFA Alumni Chapter. The money is being raised by the Alumni to purchase 20 acres of land for use as an outdoor land laboratory for the county agricultural education classes and other school groups. Anyone who wishes to contribute toward the $22,000 goal may send contributions to M. J. House, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 47, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Fertilize for 'bright'

"In order to grow a "Premium Bright" tobacco crop this year, growers need to give immediate attention to proper fertilization," according to James A. Smith, Extension Agent and chairman of the Appomattox County Premium Bright Tobacco Committee.

Smith pointed out that the local effort to boost the quality of flue-cured tobacco and strengthen its position in domestic and world markets is part of a five-state campaign.

"Nitrogen affects the yield and quality of the cured leaf more than any other nutrient," he said.

"Too little nitrogen results in pale, slick, tight-grained tobacco, while too much nitrogen results in dark-colored, papery and chaffy cured leaf.

Variegated and immature tobacco is often associated with excess nitrogen."

Smith said the general tendency among flue-cured growers has been to apply too much nitrogen but, hopefully, this trend is being reversed. He warned that producers must guard against over-adjustment for leaching of nitrogen on heavier textured soils with shallow topsoils. "Excess nitrogen contributes to a number of production problems. For example, overuse of nitrogen increases leaf growth and also sucker growth. Some growers respond by using more than the recommended rates of chemicals for sucker control, such as MH. This leads to excessive MH residues which reduce the demand for U.S. bright tobacco on world markets."

Smith emphasized that the proper amounts of nitrogen can make a big difference in the quality of leaf produced.

He also said that all fertilizer should be applied so that fertilizer salts injury will be kept to a minimum. "Fertilizer injury can result in poor stands and irregular growth which causes non-uniform cured leaf."

Smith pointed out that many countries are growing tobacco today and all are taking steps to improve quality. "American growers cannot hope to stay out front unless they make strong and continuing efforts to do so."

Assembly says 'thanks'

Officers of the Assembly wish to thank the Reverend Napier and members of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for their enthusiastic support in a successful membership drive at their church on Sunday, May 22.

The Assembly Job Placement Program has been enhanced with the purchase of a telephone answering system. This system will be in full operation by June 6. The number to call is 352-2284.

Employers should call this number leaving thier name, address, phone number, and type of work available.

Those persons desiring employment should supply the following information: name, age, address, phone number, work experience (if any), and type of work desired.

The Assembly is assisting in a Voter Resgistration Drive. Sites have been selected throughout the county with attending days and hours which, it is hoped, will accomodate those persons who find it difficult to register during regular daytime hours. Free transportation will be provided by the Assembly for those who cannot otherwise get to the registration sites. Those requiring transportation should call one of the following numbers sufficiently in advance: 352-2284, 352-8824, or 352-7482.

Volunteers for this transportation effort will be welcomed.

Reunion meeting held

The first reunion planning meeting of the Class of 1963 was held Thursday (May 26) at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch. A total of five members attended.

The second meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza. Preliminary plans have been made for the reunion, and organizers need as many members as possible to attend this meeting to help with carrying out plans. Please plan to attend this meeting and enjoy the fellowship or working with your former classmates in making this a super reunion.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting, feel free to call either Frank Thomas or Doris Nash.

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Good News for Homemakers

Peanut butter spells versatility in cooking

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Uses of Peanut Butter

This is Part II of a two-part article on the virtues of peanut butter in one's diet.

That nutty, delicious flavor of peanut butter combines so well with other foods and gives versatility to our creative cooking. The traditional slice of bread covered with thick swirls of peanut butter is a great satisfaction to adults and children, but many new and interesting recipes using peanut butter now have become a part of our American cooking habits. I would like to share with you this week some examples that would give you some flair and creativity in your use of peanut butter.

--Peanut butter combines easily with almost all other spreads such as butter, mayonnaise, jams, jellies, soft cheeses and meat spreads.

--As an important part of many breakfasts and as an accompaniment to soups at lunch, peanut butter or toast or a toasted roll is becoming increasingly popular. (If you don't think this is delicious, just try it on a piece of leftover toasted bread.)

--Peanut butter makes an interesting base for smorgasboard

--Peanut butter makes an interesting base for smorgasbord sandwiches with lettuce, bacon, tomato, anchovies and sliced meats.

--Peanut butter combined with deviled ham or other canned specialties is delicious as a snack dip for crackers or potato chips.

--A touch of peanut butter adds a new dimension when mixed with ground meat. Its use in main dishes is limited only by the inspiration of the cook.

--Added to batter, peanut butter makes mouth-watering biscuits even more tempting and can be used to flavor pies, cakes and pastries. (Have you ever tried mixing peanut butter and vanilla ice cream? You really can come up with a delicious dessert.)

--Peanut butter also makes an unusual and satisfying soup when blended with milk and canned soups such as chicken or celery.

--Common vegetables take on new life and personality with a peanut butter and milk sauce. A peanut butter dressing is superb with a salad.

--Many cooks use peanut butter to flavor puddings or mix with chocolate sauce as a topping for ice cream and other desserts.

The only limitation to our use of peanut butter is your imagination: We can be creative and use peanut butter to add a lot of personality and flavor to our meals.

Remember when traveling this summer and taking your favorite picnic basket, be sure to add peanut butter. Peanut butter and crackers, peanut butter and vegetable sticks and peanut butter and favorite spread can be a delicious and nutritious way to go picnicing. I would also like to remind you that peanut butter is safe unrefrigerated, so therefore, it makes it a very versatile item in the picnic hamper.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

Strawberry Swirl

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

¾ cup graham crackers
3 tablespoon melted butter
2 tablespoons sugar
Press into bottom of 7 x 11 inch pan. Bake 8 minutes.
3 eggs
¾ cup sugar
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
10 oz. pkg. strawberries
1 cup cream whipped (can use 2 cups whipped topping) Beat egg yolks. Add sugar and cream cheese. Beat until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into cheese mixture along with cream (whipped or prepared whipped topping). Crush berries in blender, swirl half of berries through cheese filling. Spread over crust. Spoon remaining puree on top and swirl. Cover well and freeze. Remove from freezer 20 minutes before serving. This recipe can be doubled with good results.

This recipe was shared with our office by Mrs. Kathleen Caldwell and Mrs. Edith Harris. This is a springtime favorite and an excellent dessert during the strawberry season.

Shower honors Miss Trent

Ms. Debbie Rush and Mrs. Barbara Rush entertained on Sunday, May 29 with a lingerie shower honoring Miss Lina Trent.

Guests at the Rush home included Mrs. Florence Trent, mother of the bride-elect, and friends of the honoree.

The wedding of Miss Trent and Mr. Earl Houser will take place Saturday, June 11, at Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Berry of Thomson, GA, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Tuck of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Dorothy Wilkerson of Prospect, were luncheon guests of Mrs. Jessie Carwile on Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ferguson and son, Kevin, of Lexington, N.C., spent the Memorial Day weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and family, of Newport News, pent the weekend in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. K. Hamilton in Evergreen.

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Commencement for 220

Graduation set Friday

Commencement exercises for the 220 graduating seniors of Appomattox County High School will be held on Friday evening, June 3, 1983 at the stadium at Appomattox Middle School. In case of inclement weather, exercises will be held in the auditorium at Appomattox County High School.

A Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday evening, May 29, at 8 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium for the Senior Class and their guests.

The Invocation was given by Rev. James N. Williams. Rev. J. Wesley Williams of Rocks Baptist Church delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon and Rev. Curtis Elliott gave the Benediction.

Mr. Donald L. Armentrout, principal of Appomattox County High School; Mr. John L. McLean, assistant principal; and Mrs. Harriett C. Beasley, class sponsor, will award the diplomas to the graduating seniors.

Class speakers will be Laurie Lynn Cowan, Susan Marie Morris and Laura Gray Walton, Tri-Valedictorians; and Derwin Lyndell Harvey, Salutatorian.

The Fanfare and Processional and the Fanfare and Recessional will be played by the Appomattox County High School Band under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey.

The Invocation will be given by Rev. Hiram G. Payne and Rev. P. Edward Leonard, Jr. will give the Benediction.

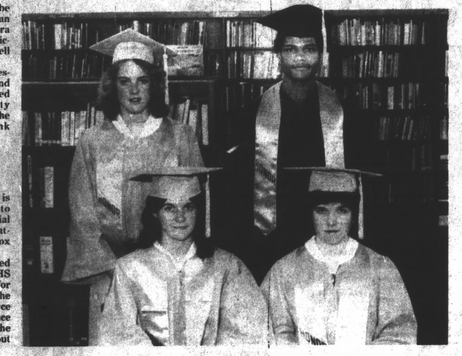
Class officers are Jeff Miller, president; Corrine Hubbard, vice - president; Renee Wells, secretary; John Booker, treasurer; Sylvia Trent, reporter; and Tim Bennett, parliamentarian.

The Motto for the Class of 1983 is "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." The class sponsors are Mrs. Harriett Beasley, Mr. Donald Armentrout, and Mr. John McLean.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR GRADUATES, CLASS OF 1983 (from left): Front row - Susan Morris, Laura Walton, Laurie Cowan, Derwin Harvey; Second row - Lynn Foster, Renee Wells, Patricia Chandler, Cheryl Williams, Darlene Smith, Rebecca Doss; Third row - Anita Harvey, Dawn Pitsenberger, Kim Maxwell, Patty Roach, Teresa Bass, Shelia Carrico, Cheryl Cheatham; Fourth row - Jennifer Inge, Mitzi Baldwin, Virginia Marshall, Suzan Eye, Donna Layne, Nancy Morris; Back row - James Beaty, Glen McClenny, Richard Conner, David Page. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Honor graduates named

Twenty eight seniors at Appomattox County High School have been designated as Honor Graduates of the Class of 1983. All of the Honor Graduates have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 during their high school careers.



TRI-VALEDICTORIANS for the Class of 1983 are (clockwise, from lower right) Cheryl Walton, Susan Morris and Laurie Cowan. Salutatorian for the Class of 1983 is (upper right) Derwin Harvey. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Laurie Lynn Cowan, Susan Marie Morris, and Laura Gray Walton have been named Tri-Valedictorians. Each has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Salutatorian is Derwin Lyndell Harvey.

The school and community commend these students for their academic excellence and qualities of leadership, character, and service.

Laurie Lynn Cowan is the daughter of Mr. Bruce E. Cowan of Appomattox. During high school she has been an active member in various clubs including FHA, Spanish Club, FBLA, Drama Club, 4-H Teen Leader Club, SCA, National Honor Society, and the ACHS **Traveler** Staff. She was a delegate to Girls' State and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Laurie is presently serving as parliamentarian of the Student Council Association, Editor of the ACHS **Traveler**, and tri-captain of the Varsity Girls' Tennis Team. She is employed at the Clothesline in Appomattox. Upon graduation Laurie will attend James Madison University and plans a career in the field of marketing.

Susan Marie Morris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris of Appomattox. She is presently vice president of the National Honor Society and President of the Drama Club. During high school, Susan has been an active participant in play productions. Susan is Copy Editor of the ACHS **Traveler** and member of the Student Council. She was a delegate to Virginia Girls State and the recepient of the Good Citizen Award presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Next fall, Susan will be attending Radford University.

Laura Gray Walton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walton. She is presently serving as treasurer of the National Honor Society, SCA representative, a member of the Spanish Club, and president of her MYF group. Laura has been active in 4-H, having been on the State 4-H Cabinet and serving as a State 4-H Ambassador. She is a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. Laura will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University this fall and she plans to major in

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Thanks

The **Times-Virginian** is proud again this year to bring its readers this special issue featuring the graduating class of Appomattox County High School.

Special thanks are offered to the staff of the ACHS yearbook, **The Traveler**, for providing the photos of the seniors, and to Mrs. Joyce Jamerson, senior guidance counselor, who provided the written information about the graduates.

And finally, we thank our advertisers, who make this special issue possible each year.

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